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Dear Mom & Dad,

I finally got enough done around here to take time to write a letter! The curtains & drapes are a big job but there is also the TV cable, the lawn, etc. We really like having our own house even though it is a lot of work at first. Our phone is in now and the number is (703) 663-3839. We have had a lot of rain since getting back but it has been warm and we've appreciated the air conditioning.

Last Sunday we went down to Yorktown (near Norfolk) to see the McKinnleys - Gil is working on a Boeing contract at Langley AFB for a year. They are renting a large house in a nice area. The Riddells were there too so it was like a reunion. I think Vickie told you that Mike is moving up here soon. Then we will have the McKinnleys up for a weekend and show everyone around.

Mary, thank you for typing up those pages. This winter I will get back to the genealogical research. Right now we are anxious to go hiking in the mountains. The summer is going so fast that soon it will be too late.

I'm enjoying the luxury of sleeping until about 7:30 a.m. each morning and missing the long drive every day. We know more people out here than we did in Fredericksburg. Friday night we went to the Officer's Club and took advantage of Happy Hour. We haven't had time to play tennis yet, but hope to get started again soon. We're anxious to know when the baby arrives, so be sure to call right away -

Jim & Vickie